

Sundays 8:45 Praise Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Bible Study for all 10:30 In-person Worship and online worship through **Facebook LIVE**

Wednesdays

6:30pm

- Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Basics of Discipleship Class
- Praise Band Practice

7:30pm

Choir practice



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RETURN <u>SEPTEMBER 4TH</u>

TEAM KIDS 3:30-4:30 (IDS' PRAISE 4:30-5:30 WED NIGHT SUPPER 5:30-6:30 KING'S KIDS' BIBLE STUDY 6:30-7:30

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Thoughts from Pastor Michael

1 Tim. 2.1 - "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people." Verse 4 says that God "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 2 Cor. 5.14 says "For the love of Christ controls us..."

As we pray for revival, let us also pray for specific lost people to be saved. If you don't have a specific lost person on your heart, ask the Lord to give you one or more to pray for daily.

Next, be prepared to share your testimony or a plan of salvation when you have the opportunity. Here is a link that can help you learn how to share your faith: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBskvtUNjOw</u>

While we want to be armed with the truth of the gospel, we must also remember that we won't win people to Christ by arguing with them. People need to see the genuine love of Chirst within us. As Eph. 4.15 says, we must "speak the truth in love." Adrian Rogers told a story that illustrates the importance of this verse and 2 Cor. 5.14 above.

"One day, a Christian decided to witness to an agnostic friend. She studied hard because she wanted to have all the answers. Armed with her knowledge and the Word of God, she presented the message of Jesus Christ with fear and trembling. The agnostic pushed back on everything with his wit, logic, sarcasm, hard heart, and ungodly mind. Every argument came back at her with another argument, and she was crushed. Moved to tears, she apologized. "I just wanted to share Jesus, and I wanted you to be saved." She left weeping.

Later, the agnostic admitted, "I'm sorry for the way I treated you. Please continue. Tell me about God. I need God. I'm sorry for my arrogance." She replied, "I can't understand it. What changed you?" The agnostic responded, "Your last argument. When you put your arm around me and wept and told me you loved me. I couldn't figure out what would make a person like you love someone like me unless what you had was real."

Oh, may the Love of Christ control us! Thank you for letting me be your Pastor,

In His love. Michael Funderburk



TERRY'S NOTES

Howdy, Folks! Can't believe it is August already! For the Smith clan, it means a little vacay at Canyon Lake at a time share for a few days; however, we will not be jumping in the lake, but we will enjoy a pool and possibly a miniature golf course. We might even take a drive out towards Pastor Mike and Allison Clement's new home, which is located somewhere around the lake. Anyway, it will be a great get away time for all of us, including our granddaughter! She will get to enjoy this getaway with us before she starts her new school, which will be Floresville South Elementary! Her mom, Rachel, has been hired to be a special ed teacher at the same campus. We are so excited for both of them! I hope your summer has been enjoyable and relaxing! We all need that time to take a break from regular routine and enjoy a little time away from our homes.

First Baptist Church Bus Ministry

I thank our Lord for a church that supports a Bus Ministry! We are blessed to have bus transportation for individuals of all ages for various ministries. Our Bus Ministry has provided transportation for our students on Wednesdays for after school events at church, Fun Bunch Day Trips, youth camp and Sunday morning pick up for some of our handicap worshippers. Our church is blessed to have 2 buses to accommodate the transportation needs of all ages in our church. Every bus driver and bus rider are so appreciated for their dedication in transporting our church members, whether it is driving our Fun Bunch group once a month or driving and picking up students from all of our campuses on Wednesdays.

I really want to mention our Sunday morning transportation team, who picks up handicap people from the Veterans' Home and a few from their own homes. This team includes our driver: Jeff Lanning, and his three assistants: Jason Sellers, Dalton Cruz, and Jim Browning. Without this team, these precious handicap individuals would not be able to attend church. Pastor Michael and I visited the Veterans' Home a few weeks ago, and those who ride our bus expressed their gratitude for the Bus Ministry! They all expressed how much it means to them to be able to attend church. They mentioned that the Veterans' Home does not provide a bus service for them on Sundays. Hearing this touched both Pastor Michael and me. I personally appreciate these gentlemen for giving up a lot of time to provide this ministry. At first, the bus was going to just pick up these individuals once a month; however, our good-hearted saints (Bus Team) decided to extend this ministry to every week. If you feel this is a ministry you can be part of, please contact me, John Long or Jeff Lanning. We need your help, and we needed it yesterday!

First Baptist Praise Choir

Last thing....our Praise Choir has started to meet again on Wednesday evenings at 7:30, after a 2-month break. One of our choir members, especially, was tired of the two-month break, and wanted to begin Wednesday rehearsals again! So, yours truly cut our break a little short, and we decided, yes, it is time to gather again on Wednesday evenings. We are having a blast! Our choir is growing, and we have room for many more singers! If you have any questions about our Praise Choir Ministry, please contact me at (830)391-3362. We would be honored to have you join our Praise Choir Ministry! We also rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:45 for a short rehearsal and warm up. Come on! We would love to have you! *Paster Terry Smith*

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AUGUST 2024							
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25 Deacon Bob Whitley	26	27	28 6:30pm • Prayer/ Bible Studies • Basic Discipleship Class		29 6:30 Com on Com meeting	30	31
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A word from the Deacons

Greetings to each of you, church family! I hope and pray you are all doing well and having a blessed summer. Every Sunday it is an uplifting blessing to see each of you, and we love seeing the new faces, too! Thank you, Father, for FBCF! Also, we are so thankful for the wonderful staff that we have and for their unending faithfulness. Something else comes to me so often...how many church members I know who serve so diligently, behind the scenes in many cases, and are making so many things possible or to work so well. Wow!

We are very blessed as a church family in a world and society that seem to have lost sight of the right and honorable path to travel. Current events on the daily news are always shocking. The recent attempted assassination, San Antonio and local murders and crimes of all types, lies being uncovered everywhere, wars and uprisings in so many world locations, family violence and thefts are just a few of many areas of danger and unrest. This surely is not the world that I grew up in. The world we live in now (not knowing the Lord) will so often try to convince, urge or even coerce us into violating our Christian convictions. But if we wish to honor God, we will obey His voice above all others. "Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil." (Prov. 4:25-27). Deuteronomy 5:32-33 also emphasizes this in its' own way which is worth the read. There are no questions left unanswered in God's Word.

Every single step we take in life is consequential, regardless of how small that step is. Then, one step leads to another step, and at some point, things become really blessed by God, or really complicated and messy in the bar ditch of life. It's best to always know where we are going and Whose hand we are holding. God lovingly provides each of us a perfect path through Jesus and by the power of The Holy Spirit. He offers us unlimited mercy, grace and kindness to all who make the decision to accept it. Since Adam and Eve's poor decision in the garden, we have examples of the fact that we have freedom of choice in just about every decision in life. We either choose to obey and glorify God, or we suffer the consequences! Also, we are always able to choose our attitude. I conclude by wanting to share with you what I call my life's verse – Ps. 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with my eye". This has come to me either before or after so many major life events.

To all, I pray for a blessed month of August, just as we pray each day for His guidance, direction, strength, safety, assurance and peace. Contact any of us deacons if we can help you in any way.

My prayer is that this information will be a blessing to you all, brothers and sisters, and that our servant ministry as deacons will edify God's church as it grows and reaches out to this community. Sincerely, Bob Whitley Ps. 32:8

Welcome

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FILL OUT THE <u>CONNECTION CARD</u>! WE'D LOVE TO HEAR

FROM YOU!

Guests!

SCAN THE OR CODE TO RECEIVE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS, WEEKLY PRAYER LIST, AND FUN FAMILY FRIDAN EMAILS!



Jed Maloy Kimberly Traeger Patsy Cotton

Bob Whitley - Ps. 32:8

Current active deacons are: Ron Bluff 210-844-8819 Chris Coats 210-215-0719 Bob Etheridge 254-717-7918 Danny Fenner 210-275-1683 Bob Herndon 830-534-7699 John Long 830-534-7427 Bill Munk 512-517-3976 Randy Richards 830-391-5641 Al Riley, Jr. 281-787-5730 Thomas Welfel 361-813-9643 Bob Whitley 210-416-0471



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August 3rd Annex- 9am- Noon



If you are interested in helping to pack boxes or just see what goes into them, we will be meeting again on August 3rd in the annex to work on packing more boxes. We would love to have you come help or just stop by to visit.

Thanks You

Church family we are so appreciative of support you gave for our bake sale for Operation Christmas Child. So many of you provided baked goods, helped at the bake sale or purchased goodies. A huge thank you to you all. With your support we will have the needed funds to ship our boxes. Again, thank you for supporting this ministry.



For more information, send a text or contact Sallie at 830-391-2344

HELP NEEDED!!! **TO CONTINUE THE IMPORTANT BUS MINISTRY TO THE** CHILDREN AND ELDERLY

Church Bus Drivers Needed

See Pastor Terry, John Long, Or Call the Office- (830) 216-4946

Sundays 8:30 & after service starting 9/4 Wednesdays 2:30-4:45

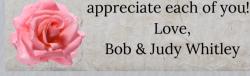
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CHURCH BUS

Thank yous

THANK YOU to our dear church family who were able to attend our 50th wedding anniversary reception! We felt that this occasion was a gift from GOD worthy of being celebrated, and your presence was a gift from

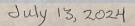
YOU to make our special day even more special and memorable! We love and



Love. Bob & Judy Whitley



From Robin's Mom



Dear FBC Family-

Thenk you for the lovely yellow & white flowers. Your thought fulness in honoring Pat's promotion to Heaven'is 50 appreciated, they added beauty ecomfort as our family gathered to share precious memories of this Wonderful man we have loved for 45 years.

God took him to his heavenly home at just the right moment for him to leave us, but desus was ready to receive him. How thankful & blessed we are to have the peace & comfort from our Savior in the hope of seeing him again one day.

E kindness to Michael & Robin.

With love thru Him, Mary Luington



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Prayer Time Monthly Time Of Prayer

Thursday, August 1st, 2024 10:30 am -Join us in the Annex Kitchen ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH



If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly Prayer list or add a prayer request to the list - Please just call the Church office at (830)216-4946

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH Intecessory Prayer Group We need additional prayer warriors for Sunday's intercessory prayer group. We Pray during the service, for the service. It is on a rotating basis, 2 men, 2 women, or a married couple per Sunday. If God is calling you to this ministry contact Bill Perry 614-309-1940 Call the Church Office at 830-216-4946 Senior Watch Care I



New Life Ministry

Contact-Jewel Gleeson

830-391-3595

please contact

Contact- Tiffany Gonzalaz 630-605-0854

FOUR FRIENDS OF JESUS! Volunteer Enrollment ince you've completed th volunteer form, please leave it at the Guest Services desk in e "Four Friends of Jesus folde ends of Je ToSuS with Special Needs Denise Smart 210-273-7603

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Meeting Wednesday August 21st @ 6:30 pm

Children's Area Improvements!

WEDNESDAY **NIGHT SUPPER** WILL BE **STARTING BACK UP ON SEPT. 4TH**





Thanks to all the teams that provide the yummy food and offer their time and culinary skills to our church.

God is So Good! And He has Blessed us with an amazing Church Family

Kitchen Manager-Jan Browning 210-417-6222



maintaining our campus appearancel ex. mowing, weed-eating, and edging as your schedule allows.

EASE CONTACT RON WRIGHT











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